

Minutes
Substance Abuse and Child Safety Task Force
April 12, 2016 – 1:30 P.M.
Indiana Statehouse – Room 431

Members Present:

Parri Black, Youth First, Inc.; Cathy Boggs, Department of Child Services; Sam Criss, Department of Child Services; Mindi Goodpaster, Marion County Commission on Youth; Cathleen Graham, Indiana Association of Resources and Child Advocacy; Senator Randy Head, Chair; Suzanne O'Malley, Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council; Carey Haley Wong, Child Advocates

Staff Members Present: Mike Brown, Indiana State Senate

Call to Order: 1:37 P.M.

Approval of January Minutes:

- Approved by voice vote

Welcoming Sam Criss:

- Sam takes the place of previous member, Lisa Rich.

Discussion:

The goal of today is to finalize the final report. A report format was sent to the task force by the Commission, so format must remain the same. Senator Head asked what the task force needs to do in order to implement the youth suicide plan. Mindi analyzed what other states have done and has an idea of what legislation should look like and an idea to revamp the state suicide prevention plan. At a later task force meeting there will be a vote on legislative language.

Drug Drop Boxes: Senator Head asked if the task force wanted to incentivize usage of drug drop boxes and expand the Yellow Jugs Program. Suzanne mentioned the Attorney General's Office efforts with the Prescription Drug Task Force. We should communicate with AG's Office to see if they have any plans. Mike Brown is to reach out to AG's Office and see how we can partner and help with this initiative.

Telemedicine: HEA 1263 (2016) fixed this idea. Cathy Boggs stated that we need to focus on rural areas if we want to pursue this more. Suzanne mentioned getting a group, Nonviolent Alternatives, in to speak to the task force about their efforts in this area. Nonviolent Alternatives operates a batterers intervention program and has used teleconferencing to reach persons who live in areas without a local program.

Parri provided an update about the joint committee she chairs, the Joint Committee on Substance Abuse Education and Services. Their first meeting was held on March 28, 2016. DMHA recently published an evidence based practice guide. The subcommittee will benefit from this guide. Parri hopes that the subcommittee can take our suicide prevention plan and use it for their goals. The joint committee is meeting again on May 9th and hopes to hear from the Department of Education. Additionally, she is not sure of timeline to complete their goals.

Healthier Morgan County Update: Senator Head asked if there was anything we can do to expand their efforts. Suzanne mentioned that her subcommittee has been working on this initiative. Healthier Morgan County has asked the subcommittee to find specific factors to indicate why teens use drugs. The Sheriff, Robert Downey, was excited about this partnership. A survey will be made for jail inmates which will ask them about specific reasons as to why they use drugs. By May 2016 the subcommittee hopes to have the questions finished. Healthier Morgan County lost some funding through DMHA, but they continue push forward. Parri is wondering if the funding loss is due to DMHA rating the high risk counties and other various data. One recommendation was to create greater buy-in on a particular state-wide youth survey because the response rate is not at 100%.

Senator Head moved to adopt accomplishments and current action plan. Voted yes by consent.

Priorities: Senator Head looked at our priorities and asked the members to look them over and discuss what we have not looked at yet. Parri mentioned looking at maps to determine gaps in the array of substance abuse services especially in rural areas. Mike Brown to request this information and get back with the task force.

We must continue to address gaps in services for youth who are currently under control of the DOC and after they are released.

Cathleen Graham mentioned that OMPP is working on a waiver that would lead to more services being provided.

Barriers to receipt of Medicaid has not been addressed; however, this priorities may have been written before HIP 2.0. Additionally, there is a recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services report on substance abuse treatment.

One of our priorities is to identify gaps in service array and access with particular emphasis on remedying geographical disparities. Senator Head asked if we keep moving forward with the telemedicine initiative. One member mentioned that we can do more school based identification and school based health centers. Some are paid for, we believe, through a private/public partnership.

Another priority is to Increase the number of mental health and substance abuse service providers. Cathy Boggs has spoken to IPLA about barriers to out-of-state licensed providers and the troubles they face coming into Indiana and obtaining an Indiana license. Reciprocity needs

to be looked at. Cathleen Graham stated that the licensing board looks at out of state individuals and they do not meet that often, so this may be an issue.

It would be better to have more resource mapping/data. Sam Criss mentioned that we need to reach out to other agencies to gather data points.

Mike Brown is to circulate a draft report in the coming days for additional feedback. Submission of the final report is May 1, 2016.

Adjourn:

- 2:20 P.M.